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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is submitted in response to the pending Office Action, Paper No. 5, mailed from the U.S. Patent Office on June 23, 2000.

Please make the following changes, without prejudice, and consider the following remarks.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 15, and 21 as follows.

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A torsion system for an article of footwear including a sole, the torsion system including a longitudinal axis and comprising:

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a forefoot portion spanning substantially an entire forefoot area of the sole;
a rearfoot portion spanning substantially an entire rearfoot area of the sole; and
an intermediate portion coupling the forefoot portion and the rearfoot portion, and constructed of a material and configured to allow, in a pre-selected manner, rotation of the forefoot portion relative to the rearfoot portion about the longitudinal axis.

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15. The torsion system of claim 9, wherein [the] a width of the intermediate portion of the plate is narrower than the forefoot and rearfoot portions.

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21. An article of footwear including a sole and a torsion system, comprising:
a sole plate rigid in a horizontal plane and including a longitudinal axis, the sole plate comprising:

a forefoot portion spanning substantially an entire forefoot area of the sole;
a rearfoot portion spanning substantially an entire rearfoot area of the sole; and

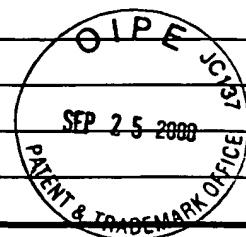
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